Road in Tribal areas in Madhya Pradesh

*329. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the density of roads in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh is not only far below the national average but is also dismally below the state average ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the Seventh Five Year Plan the allotment earmarked is only Rs. 132.25 crores as against the demand of Rs. 281.39 crores made by the State Government; and

(c) whether in view of the overall backwardness of these tribal belts, Government propose to sympathetically review the final allocation position and make some special provisions for a few most neglected tribal districts of the State like Baster, Sarguja and Sidhi?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) As per the draft Seventh Plan (1985-90) and draft Annual Plan (1985-86) of Madhya Pradesh prepared by the State Public Works Department, the average density of pucca roads in tribal areas on 1-4-85 would be about 11.30 kms. against a State average of 12.90 Kms. per 100 sq. Kms. The corresponding information about national average as on 1-4-85 is not available. However, according to "basic road statistics of India 1980-81" brought out by Transport Research Division of the then Ministry of Shipping and Transport, the national average was 45.70 Kms. per 100 sq. Kms. as on 31st March, 1981 and against this the road length average for Madhya Pradesh was 23.65 Kms. per 100 sq. Kms.

According to the Planning Commission the State Government proposals for the Seventh Plan indicated a total outlay of Rs. 281.39 crores for the entire road and bridges sector, of which tribal sub-plan allocation was Rs. 132.65 crores. This was agreed to by the Planning Commission.

In the draft Annual Plan (1986-87), the State Government had indicated a request for an additionality by way of special central assistance of Rs. 10 crores in each year of the Seventh Plan to be made available for developing the roads in predominantly tribal districts of Bastar and Sarguja. However, later on the State Government decided to incorporate all such schemes under master plan for Bastar Development Authority and not to consider them in isolation as per their original proposal.

Under a Centrally sponsored grants-in-aid scheme assistance is provided to the State Governments for taking up specific road works in tribal areas. Under this scheme during the Sixth Plan, road works amounting to Rs. 4.28 crores were sanctioned to Madhya Pradesh by the erstwhile Ministry of Shipping and Transport. An amount of Rs. 1.48 crores was released to Madhya Pradesh against the total outlay of Rs. 6.50 crores provided for the scheme for the country as a whole for the Sixth Plan period. During the Seventh Plan, out of the total outlay of Rs. 14.00 crores under the scheme, the share of Madhya Pradesh is Rs. 4.56 crores.

ALUMINA Plant of Nalco at Damanjodi Orissa

*330. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Alumina plant of National Aluminium Company Ltd., presently under construction at Damanjodi Orissa, is behind schedule;

(b) whether the slippage in its execution would result in the escalation of costs;

(c) what is the original estimate of the project and the revised estimate, as on date;

(d) whether the French Government are willing to enhance their assistance to meet the increased costs; and

(e) the action being taken by Government to prevent further slippages and by when the project is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) Activities required for the initial start-up of the Alumina Plant at Damanjodi are almost on schedule.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Project was sanctioned in November, 1980 at a cost of Rs. 1242.4 crores at first quarter of 1980 price level. The estimated revised cost of the project is Rs. 2408·14 crores at first quarter 1985 price level.

(d) French Credit is available for the basic cost of equipment, know-how and technical services from France.

(e) Government has been periodically reviewing the progress, and the defaulting agencies are asked to improve their pace of work. Project management has also been making alternative arrangements whenever necessary.

Start-up dates of the various segment of the National Aluminium Company Limited Project are as under:—

(1) Bauxite Mine	Damanjodi	November, 1985 (Commissioned on schedule)
(2) Alumina Plant (phase I) . . .	Do.	September, 1986
(3) Aluminium Smelter (Phase I) . . .	Angul	December, 1986
(4) Captive Power Plant (unit I& II) . .	Do.	December, 1986.

Subletting of Quarters

*331. SHRI F.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 617 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1986 and state:

(a) the numbers and designations of persons who were detected for subletting their type III quarters in Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Hanuman Road, DIZ area, Clive Square, Mandir Marg, Gole Market and Aram Bagh areas of Delhi;

(b) the names of offices where they are working;

(c) whether their concerned offices in which these persons are working have been informed; and

(d) by when these quarters are likely to be got vacated?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 90.]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the prescribed procedure show-cause notices are issued to the allottees. In proved cases